

Board Meeting Highlights
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2009

At its regular meeting on September 23, 2009, the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District 107...

- **Budget Hearing**
Conducted a Budget Hearing to approve amendments to the tentative budget and to approve the 2009-10 school district budget. The budget for FY10 is within the Board policy financial guidelines of the district.
- **Board Recognition of Staff**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who expressed the appreciation of the Board in recognizing the GCA cleaning crew for all the hard work in getting the schools ready for the beginning of the school year. Even though they are not employees of the district, they are invested in the district and the students of Pleasantdale and it shows in their hard work and dedication. Board President Leandra Sedlack and Board member Beth Tegtmeier presented certificates and a small token of appreciation to each of the seven members of the cleaning crew.
- **Introduction of New Staff**
Heard from Principal Matt Vandercar who introduced Lauren Miller as the new resource teacher at the elementary school.
- **Additional Items to the Agenda**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who recognized Board President Leandra Sedlack for her level II status as a Board member from the IASB. The scheduled closed session was canceled. Board President Leandra Sedlack shared a letter that she received from the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) in recognition for the work done by Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf on the IASA Platform and Resolutions committee.
- **Consent Agenda**
Unanimously voted to approve the revised consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2009; closed session meeting minutes of August 19, 2009; payment of August payroll/September warrants; 2009-10 ISBE Application for Recognition; Board policy on Personnel (section 5); Business Manager Job Title Change.

Reports and Discussions:

- **Review Curriculum (section 6) Board Policies**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who explained that aligning section 6 with model policy was recommended. The Board went through the policies making minor changes. The policies will be approved on the consent agenda at the October Board meeting.
- **Board Self-Evaluation Process**
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who explained the proposal for Board self-evaluations that was worked on with Board President Leandra Sedlack and Board member Karen O'Halloran. The decision to self evaluate in the short term and long term was discussed. Board member Karen O'Halloran shared that neighboring districts use the ISBE's form. One district reported that they address problems immediately. One short term goal identified was monitoring whether the Board receives the appropriate amount of information in preparation for meetings. The process of placing items on the agenda was also mentioned as a potential short term goal. These items may also be added to the long term goals as there are no immediate issues. Board member Lisa Houk felt that we still needed to do work on our communication with the community. The discussion of another survey of the community to see how the Board could improve communication was discussed. For the June Retreat, the results of the community survey would be reviewed along with other pertinent data.

- *District Storage Garage*
Heard from Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf who requested that the Board review the information presented so direction could be given as to what information the Board might need regarding the garage options. The majority of the Board agreed and directed Superintendent Mark Fredisdorf to gather more information and quotes for an all metal garage including prices, pictures and landscaping options for the project. The Board is scheduled to approve a proposal at the October meeting.
- *Next Agenda*
Items for the October Board Meeting: Technology Plan Status Report; Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans; Adopt Proposed Tax Levy; Approve Curriculum (section 6) Board Policies; Review Finance (section 4) Board Policies; Town Hall Meeting Planning; Approve District Storage Garage Proposal; Review of Extra-Curricular Student Activities (written).
- *Adjournment*
Adjourned the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
7:00 p.m. in the
District 107 Administration Building**